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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
 GUNTHER MAGER ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
 SERIAL NO: 10/031,574 :  
 FILED: January 22, 2002 :  
 FOR: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING:  
 FRUSTOCONICAL YARN PACKAGES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, prenumbered lines 13-29, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph:

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 In the case of glass yarns, glass filaments obtained by molten glass flowing through orifices in a bushing are drawn. Next, these filaments are coated with a sizing composition by a coater so as to facilitate the fiberizing and the collecting of the filaments into a yarn and to increase their mechanical properties, especially upon ageing. These filaments are then brought together into a combining device in order to create the yarn to be wound. The yarn coming from the combining device is wound around a support which lies in a horizontal plane perpendicular to the vertical plane in which the yarn arrives and is driven in a rotational